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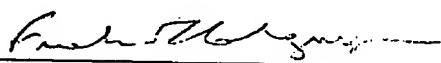
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Final Office Action of March 1, 2005, Claims 9-15 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,762,458 issued to Wang et al.; Claims 1-5, 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,246,200 issued to Blumenkranz et al.; and Claim 16 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 16 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of Claim 9 (its base claim). Claims 1-5, 7-15 and 17 have been cancelled. Accordingly, Claim 16 is believed to be allowable, and an early notice of its allowability earnestly solicited.

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